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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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New PCT Application Based On
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For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 8, 9, and 12-19 as follows:

Please replace originally filed pages 83-85 with new pages 83-85 in which claims 15-19
have been amended by the Applicant which are attached hereto.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 5".
Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 7" to --claim 1--.
Claim 9, lines 2 and 3, change "any one of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.
Claim 12, line 2, delete "or 11".
Claim 13, line 2, delete "or 11".
Claim 14, line 1, delete "any"; and
line 2, change "one of claims 10 to 13" to --claim 10--.
Claim 18, line 2, delete "or 17".
Claim 19, line 2, delete "any one of"; and
line 3, change "claims 16 to 18" to --claim 16--.